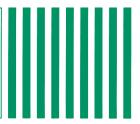
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# The Family SUPPO **NETWORK** of Michigan

**Family to Family Heart to Heart** 

# **Family Support Network**

The Family Support Network of Michigan (FSN) is for families who have children with special health needs. FSN helps families come together for emotional support. Trained volunteer parents offer practical suggestions for day-to-day living. FSN provides information about services that can help your family.

#### Our services include:

- parent support groups
- one-on-one support
- training programs for parents
- information about programs for brothers, sisters, fathers and grandparents
- family social events
- information about local, state and national resources

Local FSN programs are directed by families, for families. Our services are free and for families with children of all ages. Chapters are located around the state and reflect the culture of each community. Information shared is kept confidential.

## **FSN Services**

## **Parent-to-Parent Support**

Sometimes it helps to talk with someone whose child has a similar health need or disability. Our parent support group is made up of parents who are trained to listen to your concerns and to share information about resources. Like you, we have children with special needs. To talk with a parent of a child with a condition similar to your child's, call the toll-free **Family Phone Line** at 1-800-359-3722. Or, complete the attached form and mail it to us. We will call you to ask how we can help.

#### **Brothers and Sisters**

We provide training for "Sibshops." A safe and enjoyable place is provided for children to come together to learn about growing up with a sibling with special needs.

### **Fathers Network**

Fathers and other male role models often face unique challenges of parenting children with special needs. We can put you in touch with other fathers. You can get information about special activities for fathers.

# Grandparents

Grandparents have a special place in the lives of children. We provide workshops and resources.

| or complete this form and mail it to us. Let us know if you would like to help other families.  | d like to help other fami                                     | les.                                      |
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| <ul><li>I would like to be matched with a support parent.</li><li>My child's diagnosis or special need:</li></ul>   |   | Child's age:                              |
| <ul> <li>I want to know about group support meetings near me.</li> <li>I want to be placed on your mailing list.</li> <li>I want to become a support parent.</li> </ul> |   |   |
| Please send me information. I am a:     mother   father   brother or sister   How did you learn about FSN?   physician   hospital   health department                   | <ul><li>brother or sister</li><li>health department</li></ul> | ☐ grandparent ☐ provider ☐ parent ☐ other |
| Parent or Caregiver   | County  | Phone (                                   |
| City  | State   | Zip                                       |
| <ul> <li>I am a service provider. I have the parent's permission to refer this family to FSN.</li> <li>Name</li> </ul>  | er this family to FSN.  |   |

If you would like more information or would just like to talk with someone, call the Family Phone Line at 1-800-359-3722